EXPEDITED HANDLING GROUP NO. 1714

> PATENT 0152-0593P

#### IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Toshiharu KAWASAKI et al. Conf.:

2776

Appl. No.:

10/088,912

Group:

1714

Filed:

June 25, 2002

Examiner: SANDERS, K.A.

For:

AROMATIC MONOVINYL RESIN COMPOSITION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (SUBMISSION AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE BUT PRIOR TO PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE)

HANDCARRY TO:

January 13, 2005

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 220 20<sup>th</sup> Street South Customer Window, MS ISSUE FEE Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

#### LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, OR OTHER INFORMATION I.

The patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on the PTO-1449, attached hereto.

#### II. COPIES

 $\boxtimes$ Copies of cited U.S. patents and a. application publications are not included. Copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are included.

01/18/2005 KBETEMA1 00000022 022448 10088912

01 FC:1806

180.00 DA

## III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

#### a. DOCUMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The patents, publications, or other information listed on the attached PTO 1449 are in the English language and therefore, do not require a statement of relevancy.

#### b. DOCUMENTS NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications, or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

### C. ENGLISH LANGUAGE SEARCH REPORT

An English language translation of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(III)(A)(3).

#### d. $\boxtimes$ OTHER

The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

GB 2281910 A is an English counterpart to the German Patent application DE 4432732 A1, which was cited in an Office Action issued from the German Patent and Trademark Office on October 14, 2004.

DE 4432732 A1 and the English language translation of the Abstract were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 7, 2004.

#### **FEES**

#### IV. THIS IDS IS BEING FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d):

after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, but before payment of the Issue Fee.

See the Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

V.	STATEMENT	UNDER	<u>37</u>	C.F.R.	§ 1	<u>.97 (e</u>	) (c	checl	k <u>on</u> l	<u>L</u> y one	box)	)
----	-----------	-------	-----------	--------	-----	---------------	------	-------	---------------	----------------	------	---

The undersigned hereby states that

- a. 
  each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 30 days prior to the filing of this IDS; or
- b. each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or
- c. No item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS.
- d. Some of the items of information were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office. As to this information, the undersigned states that each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this to the remaining information, As undersigned hereby states that no item of this remaining information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application and, the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

#### VI. PAYMENT OF FEES

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). This paper is submitted in triplicate.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

Raymond C. Stewart, #21,066

Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., #43,575

RCS/GMD/mua 0152-0593P P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

Attachment(s):	$\boxtimes$	PTO-1449
	$\boxtimes$	Documents
	$\boxtimes$	Foreign Search Report
	$\boxtimes$	Fee - \$180.00
		Other:

JAN 1 3 2005

Form PTO-1449

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

ATTY.	DOCKET	NO.
015	2-05	93 F

APPLICATION NO. 10/088,912

APPLICANT

	IN AN APPLICATION				Toshiharu KAWASAKI et al.						
(Use several sheets if necessary)					June 25, 2002	1714					
			<u> </u>	.S. PATENT I	OCUMENTS		-				
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCU	MENT NUMBER	Kind	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILIN IF APP	G DATE ROPRIATE		
	Ţ	JS		<u> </u>			<del> </del>	<u> </u>	-		
	τ	JS		<del>-</del>			<del>                                     </del>				
	Ţ	JS				+		ļ			
	Ü	JS									
	US US US										
	<del> </del>	IS									
		IS 									
			FOR	EIGN PATENT	DOCUMENTS						
	Office	DOCUMENT NUMBER	Kind	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSI			
	GB	2 281 910	A	1995-03-22	GREAT BRITAIN	-		YES	NO		
						<del> </del> -					
						†			_		
						<u> </u>					
						†					
									<u> </u>		
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
OTHER	R DOCUM	ENTS (Include Name of catalog, etc.) date,	e of the author page(s), volum	(in CAPITAL LETTERS), t	itle of the article (when approp sher, city and/or country where	riate), titl	e of the iter	a (book, ma	agazin		
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
		-					-	<del></del> .			
KAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED						

CMD RCS/GMD/mua